

In the specification:

Please amend the paragraph at ~~page 1~~, ~~lines 3-10~~ as follows:

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This patent application is a continuation in part of US Patent Application No. 09/633,587, filed August 7, 2000, which is a continuation in part of US Patent Application No. 09/343,104, filed June 29, 1999. US Patent Application No. 09/343,104 claims priority from US Provisional Application No. 60/134,782, filed May 19, 1999. This patent application is also a continuation in part of US Patent Application No. 09/571,422, filed May 15, 2000, which claims priority to US Provisional Application No. 60/134,782, filed May 19, 1999. These patent applications are hereby incorporated by reference. This patent application is also a continuation in part of US Patent Application 09/560,976, filed April 28, 2000 (Now US Patent No. 6,553,129), which is a continuation of US Application No. 08/746,613, filed November 12, 1996 (now US Patent No. 6,122,403), which is a continuation in part of US Application No. 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now US Patent No. 5,862,260), PCT Application No. PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996 (Published as WO96/36163), and US Application No. 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now U.S. Pat. No. 5,841,978).

[Please amend the paragraph at ~~page 1~~, ~~lines 11-13~~ as follows:]

The subject matter of the present application is related to that disclosed in US Patent 5,862,260, and in co-pending applications 09/503,881, filed February 14, 2000 (now US Patent No. 6,614,914), which are hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend the paragraph at ~~page 3~~, ~~lines 9-27~~ as follows:

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Stickers in all their varieties have found an enduring place in our society. From the workplace (Post-It ® brand message notes), to kids in a classroom, stickers have an [inherit] inherent value associated with them, whether it be functional (seals, labels, etc.) or just to identify yourself with a particular affinity group (bumper stickers on cars). By placing a watermark on stickers they can be used in novel ways. By encoding a set of stickers with a watermark during production, specific machine behaviors can be assigned to them. These behaviors can be associated or even possibly changed by anyone from the manufacturer through the distributor, all the way to the end-user. In addition, the users can create their own watermark enabled stickers by creating an image, embedding a watermark in it, and associating the watermark with one or more machine behaviors.

Please amend the paragraph at page 10, lines 16-18 as follows:

A³ For more information about an object identifier registration system and system for linking objects with machine behaviors, see US Patent Application No. 09/571,422, which is hereby incorporated by reference.